Case 3:07-cv-00076-LRH-RAM Document 36 Filed 08/31/2007 Page 1 of 5 1 **ELECTRONICALLY FILED 08/31/07** Kent R. Robison, Esq. (Bar No. 1167) 2 Clayton P. Brust, Esq. (Bar No. 5234) Jennifer L. Baker, Esq. (Bar No.9559) 3 ROBISON, BELAUSTÈGUI, SHARP & LOW 71 Washington Street 4 Reno, Nevada 89503 Telephone: (775) 329-3151 Facsimile: (775) 329-7941 5 Attorneys for Defendants 6 Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and 7 Corporation of the President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and Successors 8 9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA 10 11 DA-DAZE-NOM MANZANARES, 12 Plaintiff, CASE NO. 07-CV-00076-LRH-RAM 13 VS. ELKO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, and 14 GARY LEE JONES, SR., as agent for ELKO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, and GARY LEE 15 JONES, SR., individually, and CORPORATION OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP OF THE 16 CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, a foreign corporation registered to 17 do business in the State of Nevada; CORPORATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE 18 CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS AND SUCCESSORS, a foreign 19 corporation registered to do business in the State of Nevada; and Does 1-5, and XYZ Corporations 20 1-5. 21 Defendants. 22 23 MOTION FOR ORDER REQUIRING PLAINTIFF TO SUBMIT TO INDEPENDENT MENTAL EXAMINATION 24 & MOTION FOR ORDER SHORTENING TIME 25 Defendants Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-26 Day Saints and Corporation of the President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 27 and Successors (collectively referred to herein as "The Church") hereby move this Court for an 28 order requiring Plaintiff Da-Daze-Nom Manzanares to submit to an independent mental

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examination pursuant to FRCP 35. The Church has already requested Plaintiff to stipulate to such an examination, but Plaintiff has failed to respond. The Church also requests an order expediting the briefing on this motion so that the examination can be completed prior to the current date set for exchange of expert witness reports.

This motion is based upon the Points and Authorities set forth below, the affidavit of Clayton P. Brust, and any other materials the Court wishes to consider.

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I. MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

This matter concerts an alleged sexual relationship between Defendant Gary Lee Jones and the Plaintiff, who at the time of the alleged sexual relationship was a minor. Plaintiff is claiming mental distress and emotional damages. However, Plaintiff testified during her deposition that her childhood was rife with physical and mentally abusive circumstances. (Brust aff. ¶2). Additionally, Plaintiff displayed during her deposition that she has grown into a normal, functioning adult and member of the community in which she lives, raising serious questions regarding the emotional and psychological impact of the alleged sexual relationship. As such, The Church is entitled to conduct discovery by way of an Independent Medical Examination. Rogge v. MCA Universal Studios, 165 F.R.D. 605 (C.D. Cal. 1995)(party moving

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for physical or mental examination must show physical or mental condition is "in controversy" and good cause for examination).

Independent Medical Examinations are common in litigation involving claims of personal, physical and/or psychological injury. Although it is the experience of the undersigned that such examinations are usually the result of stipulation between the parties, FRCP 35 is the Rule that ensures a defendant the right to examine a plaintiff's injury claims by way of independent examination. FRCP 35(a) provides:

> When the mental or physical condition (including the blood group) of a party or of a person in the custody or under the legal control of a party, is in controversy, the court in which the action is pending may order the party to submit to a physical or mental examination by a suitable licensed or certified examiner or to produce for examination the person in the party's custody or legal control. The order may be made only on motion for good cause shown and upon notice to the person to be examined and to all parties and shall specify the time, place, manner, conditions, and scope of the examination and the person or persons by whom it is to be made.

The Church has retained the services of Dr. William Foote to perform an independent psychological examination of Plaintiff to explore the impact, if any, of the alleged sexual relationship she had with Defendant Gary Lee Jones. The Church has also retained Dr. Foote to make determinations as to whether the alleged sexual relationship was in any way connected with or related to Mr. Jones' position with The Church. This is especially important because Plaintiff specifically denied any membership in The Church, interest in The Church, or Church influence in her alleged sexual relationship with Gary Jones. (Brust aff. ¶4). Dr. Foote has lectured and authored articles on the issue of clergy and teacher sexual relationships with minors, in addition to lecturing and authoring articles on various other aspects of forensic psychology. A copy of Dr. Foote's Curriculum Vitae is attached to the Affidavit of Clayton P. Brust as Exhibit C. (Brust aff. ¶5).

The requirements set forth in FRCP 35 for the Court to order an examination of Plaintiff have been met. Plaintiff herself put her psychological, emotional health at issue in this matter. Further, Dr. Foote is clearly qualified to perform the examination and the parameters of the

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examination are tailored to the issues presented in this matter. Accordingly, The Church respectfully requests that the Court order Plaintiff to submit to an examination by Dr. Foote on September 12 and 13, 2007 in Albuquerque, New Mexico at Dr. Foote's office located at 215 Gold Avenue SW, Ste. 202, Albuquerque, NM..

II. REQUEST FOR ORDER SHORTENING TIME/ EXPEDITED BRIEFING SCHEDULE

The Church also requests an order expediting the briefing schedule in this matter. The Church has repeatedly requested Plaintiff to stipulate to a medical examination. (Brust aff. ¶2 and 3). However, The Church has not received a response from Plaintiff since obtaining potential dates for the examination. (Brust aff. ¶3). The last day for disclosing expert opinions in this matter is September 28, 2007. Dr. Foote is available to conduct his examination of Plaintiff on September 12 and 13, 2007. Any order by the Court for Plaintiff to submit to such examination must be issued prior to those dates. As such, pursuant to LR6-1 The Church respectfully requests that the Court expedite the briefing schedule for this motion so that Plaintiff's opposition, if any, must be filed and served no later than September 7, 2007 and The Church's reply must be filed and served no later than September 8, 2007.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to FRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of ROBISON, BELAUSTEGUI, SHARP & LOW, and that on this date I caused a true copy of MOTION FOR ORDER REQUIRING PLAINTIFF TO SUBMIT TO INDEPENDENT MENTAL EXAMINATION & MOTION FOR ORDER SHORTENING TIME to be served on all parties to this action by:

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